



More TEAM KIRTLANDers deploy

Photo by Todd Berenger

The 377th Medical Group Decontamination Team deployed at 3 a.m. Saturday. Capt. Duane Robinson (377th Medical Operations Squadron), briefs the team the evening before they headed to an undisclosed location.

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RANDOLPH AFB, Texas—DOD has received congressional authorization for a base realignment and closure round in 2005.

The BRAC, the first since 1995, was announced in a Feb. 13 message from the office of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Called BRAC 2005, the program is a means to achieve several goals: eliminate excess infrastructure; reshape the military; pursue jointness; optimize military readiness; and realize significant savings in support of transforming DOD, according to the message.

At a minimum, the next BRAC round must eliminate excess physical capacity.

In doing so, the program helps DOD reduce waste, save money and free up resources to recruit quality people, modernize equipment and infrastructure, and develop the capabilities needed to meet 21st century threats, according to the message.

Through 2001, previous BRAC actions saved DOD \$16.7 billion, the message stated. Beyond 2001, officials estimate annual savings of about \$6.6 billion.

The secretary of defense has directed the BRAC 2005 process begin immediately, the message stated.

After gathering information and completing a comprehensive analysis, the secretary will submit recommendations for re-

aligning or closing bases by May 16, 2005, to the independent BRAC Commission.

The commission forwards its report on the recommendations to the president by Sept. 8, 2005. The president will have until Sept. 23, 2005, to accept or reject the recommendations in their entirety. If accepted, congress will have 45 legislative days to act on the recommendations.

The BRAC process will involve all levels of DoD from installation through major command and component or agency headquarters to the office of the secretary of defense.

All bases will be considered and treated equally, according to the message. **(AETCNS)**

Know PRP, an NSI 'hot' point

Always one of the "hot" points during a Nuclear Surety Inspection, DOD's Personnel Reliability Program is designed to ensure that only the most reliable personnel are tasked with special weapons duties.

This program monitors over 500 individuals from the 377th Air Base Wing for factors that may affect their ability to perform their job, such as medication, physical and mental health, and person-

al or financial issues.

While all this attention may seem excessive, removing the possibility of human mistakes, or the potential for deliberate errors is critical when dealing with special weapons. The following tips help ensure the integrity of our Personnel Reliability Program.

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High 52
Low 30

TOMORROW
High 54
Low 28

SUNDAY
High 55
Low 30

Force
Protection
Condition
BRAVO
Straight Talk,
853-4636
Emergency,
SNOW Line,
853-7669

377th ABW Nuclear Surety Inspection—1 day